

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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TENDERS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF MSV
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Petroleum and Natural Gas Commission invites tenders from time to time for management and operation of MSV Samudra 'Suraksha', 'Sevak' and 'Prabha';
- (b) if so, the details of working capital and the operating agencies invited during the last three years;
- (c) whether the tender invited for the year 1999-2000 was cancelled after ten months; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The tenders are invited by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), M/s Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., M/s Himachal Alkalies Ltd., M/s Peerless Shipping Oilfield Services Ltd. and M/s Dolphin Offshore Enterprises Ltd. were engaged for the operation, maintenance and management of ONGC's MSVs Samudra Suraksha, Samudra Sevak and Samudra Prabha during the period of November, 1997-2000.

The working capital required for operating these vessels works out to about Rs. 10 crore per year per vessel.

(c): A tender has been invited in February, 2000. It is yet to be finalised.

(d): Does not arise.